

M: 13-51  
Warner Wims House  
Clarksburg  
Private

c. 1891

This two story frame house has a facade of three bays and a depth of one. In plan, it contained two rooms down and two up originally, though the house has been enlarged and improved extensively in recent years. It was built as the home of a Black landowner of the late 19th century.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Warner Wims House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Route 355

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rober W. and D.B. Disney

Telephone #: 972-3217

STREET &amp; NUMBER

22615 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Regsitry of Deeds

Liber #: 4558

Folio #: 376

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame house stands on the north side of Clarksburg Road. It was built close to the road. Its grounds are well maintained. Its flower beds are lovely in the spring, summer and fall. It is shaded by large oak trees.

The house is quite similar to other homes of black landowners in Clarksburg. It was two stories in height with facade of three bays, arranged in bilateral symmetry. There were two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. The house consists of two sections, a principal block, and to the back of it has been attached a one and a half story ell. This ell is similar to that on the John Henry Wims house in Clarksburg.

There have been several important changes in this house since its construction. A fire in the upstairs of the house destroyed the roof and it was replaced by a new one which does not have as sharp a pitch as the original one. The frame has been covered with wooden shingles and there have been changes to the windows on the downstairs as well. Those windows in the upstairs are original and contain double hung sashes with 2/2 lights. The earlier brick stove flues have been replaced by cinderblock flues. To the north side of the ell has been added a small porch.

Behind the house are several sheds for storage but none of these are original. There are, however, vegetable gardens which do display some of the ways of life of the earlier occupants of this house, who raised much of their own food.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1880 - 1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed, JA 29/138, this tract of 1.3 acres was purchased by Warner and Margaret Whims (sic) from George Linthicum in 1891. It was part of the tracts "Garnkirk" and "Resurvey on What You Will". The cost of the land was \$100. This high price for 1.3 acres suggests that there was probably a house already on the property.

Whether that dwelling was this one cannot be known definitely, but this dwelling is of the late 19th century and could well have been standing prior to 1891. In 1880 the land was sold to George Linthicum by John S. and Laura Belt, but no price was given. It is probable that this house was built during the ownership of the land by George Linthicum, since the house does not appear to be earlier than 1880.

This house is representative of the types of houses built and occupied by landowners of the rural middle class in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Ethel Foreman, the community historian for this survey of Clarksburg, recalls this house as follows:

"Warner and Elizabeth Wims passed on during the 1920s. Elizabeth passed on in 1928. During the years after her death, the home was rented until Mrs. Elsie Carter, the daughter of Warner and Elizabeth Wims, moved into the home with her husband Rev. James E. Carter.

Rev. Carter served as an assistant to the Rev. C.E.O. Smallwood at the John Wesley Church for a period of time. In the 1920s he was pastor at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Purdum. When his health failed him, Rev. Carter passed in 1953. Mrs. Carter lived there through the years. She kept foster children during those years. During the years she lived alone, the house burned and burnt the roof so it had to be replaced. Mrs. Carter was an active woman in her senior years. She was alert and could answer just about any question you could ask her. Everyone missed her when she passed. She passed in 1974 at the age of about 85.

The property was later purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Disney. They renovated the whole house, and it has been made into a beautiful home and the work was done by Mrs. Disney's brother, Mr. Herbert Brown. They have had work done on their driveway. The rock work done there and the beautiful flowers <sup>were</sup> done by Mr. Roger Disney himself.

Miss Foreman also recalls that Warner Wims was a brother of John and Benjamin Wims, who were also prominent Black landowners in the Clarksburg community. Warner Wims farmed a "truck patch" behind his house, Miss Foreman recalls. Thus, three houses of three brothers, all built about the same time, remain standing in the Clarksburg area. Compare descriptions and photographs of them. The Warner Wims house has been altered the most extensively.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
- 2) Written recollections of and oral interviews (not taped) with Ethel Foreman, Clarksburg, Md., Nov. 78 by George McDaniel

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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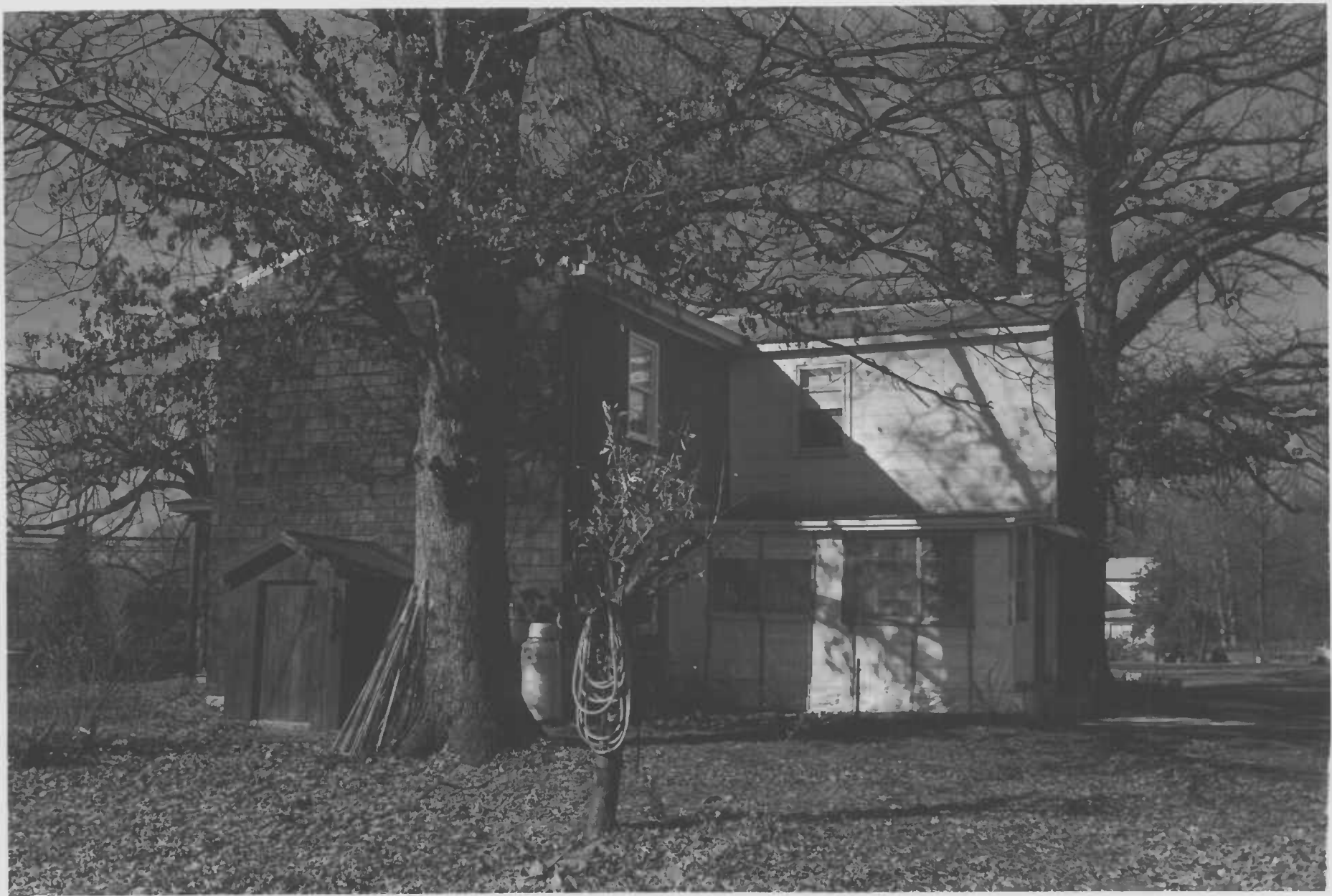
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S. W. Elevation

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Warner Wims House

S.E. Elevation

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